

# TELL SENATE TO QUIT PLAYING POLITICS

## Liquor Men Seeking To Obtain A Restraining Order ENDORSE PEACE PACT

### BREWERS OF RHODE ISLAND ARE SEEKING TO ENJOIN OFFICIALS

Would Keep Them From Interfering Under Prohibition Amendment With Manufacture and Sale of Non-Intoxicating Malt Beverages.

Providence, R. I., Jan. 8.—An injunction to restrain federal officials in Rhode Island from interfering under the national prohibition amendment with "the manufacture and sale of non-intoxicating malt beverages," was asked in three bills of complaint filed in the United States district court here today.

The actions were brought by Michael J. Lynch, in the interests of James Hanley Brewing company, Narragansett Brewing company and Providence Brewing company, United States Attorney Harvey A. Baker and Collector of Internal Revenue George F. O'Shaughnessy were named as defendants.

The 18th amendment, the bill asserting is "wholly null and void," and Title II of the Volstead act, for the enforcement of constitutional prohibition, is declared to be "unconstitutional and void and beyond the power of the federal government to enforce."

The bills attack the Volstead act particularly saying that it arbitrarily and oppressively defines and classifies as intoxicating liquors which are not in fact intoxicating and because, in so doing, it is not appropriate legislation to enforce the prohibition amendment, the provisions of which "are expressly confined and limited to intoxicating liquors."

The plaintiffs ask for a restraining order and preliminary injunction to be effective during the hearing and pending a final decision of the case, and, then, for a perpetual injunction.

The 18th amendment is declared to be null and void in that two-thirds of the members of Congress did not deem any such amendment necessary and did not by resolution or otherwise declare that they deemed the same necessary, as required by article five of the constitution; that the amendment is not an amendment to the constitution within the true intent of article five; that the power to amend the constitution did not extend to the exercise of ordinary executive powers regulating the conduct of life by private individuals; and that the amendment is upon a subject not within any power granted to Congress or prohibited to the states.

### WILL ARREST VIOLATORS OF LICENSE LAW

Over 150 Motorists Have Been Taken For Not Having 1920 Markers.

Automobilists who insist on operating their cars under 1919 licenses are still being apprehended by the police and told to report to the traffic division at police headquarters. Once there the offenders are given their choice of arrest or standing in line until they secure the proper licenses and markers. Every driver thus accosted has chosen to stand in line rather than face arrest and arraignment in the City Court for violating the state auto law.

It was reported at the Traffic department this morning that over 150 Bridgeport motorists have been taken by the police for failing to display 1920 markers on their machines. The practice of merely summoning delinquent ones to appear at the Motor Vehicle office has nearly reached its limit, however, and it is expected that formal arrests will be made if the state law is any longer violated.

The crowds of applicants at the office of the Motor Vehicle department thinned out considerably today, and to one was forced to wait an unreasonable length of time before obtaining a 1920 license. In view of this, the police have determined to allow a few days more before making arrests in all cases where motorists have failed to secure new markers of license.

### RATIFICATIONS TO BE EXCHANGED SATURDAY, JAN. 10

Paris, Jan. 8.—The exchange of ratifications of the peace treaty with Germany will take place on the coming Saturday, January 10, it now seems certain. The supreme council today fixed this date for the ceremony and decided that it should be held in the French foreign office.

### CASUALTIES DUE TO EARTHQUAKE FIXED AT 2,000

One Village Has Disappeared—Several Others Are Destroyed.

Mexico City, Jan. 7.—The estimated number of casualties attending the earthquake Saturday evening in the western part of the state of Vera Cruz still stands at 2,000 or more.

Despatches from the stricken area do not even estimate the damage done, nor do they give accurate lists of dead. On the other hand, they do not deny reports of the disappearance of one village, the total destruction of several others, and the inundation of several towns by waters pouring down mountain streams.

Fragmentary advices here were moreover seen to indicate that the toll of dead will amount above first estimates. It is said the village of Saltillo has virtually been destroyed and that 85 bodies were recovered from the ruins on Tuesday. Thirty bodies have been taken from the Pescados river at Apazapan, Puebla Viejo and San Carlos. Despatches from special correspondents in the earthquake zone while lacking in specific details, testify of the pitiable plight of survivors of the disaster many of whom lost their homes and are living in the open in hourly fear of renewed shocks.

Relief measures are gradually taking form and a fund has been set up in this city, foreign colonies making liberal contributions. Military expeditions, with ambulances, doctors and supplies contributed by individuals, municipalities and the government, have been sent into the affected districts.

Many petitions have been sent the archbishop of Mexico to send the famous Virgin de Los Remedios into the earthquake area from the shrine at Bartolo Nancupam, where it is jealously guarded by Indians. This virgin has figured in many disasters during the history of the country.

New earth shocks were felt here this morning and fears were entertained that they were vibrations from another serious earthquake in the region of Mount Orizaba. Up till a late hour tonight no further advices have been received from the east and some apprehension was felt by the people. The shocks, as regarded at the astronomical observatory near this city, were slight, beginning at 9:17 o'clock and lasting three minutes. They showed an oscillatory motion.

### KILLED WIFE WITH HAMMER MALUSKA HELD

Suffield, Conn., Jan. 8.—George Matuskus, who killed his wife with a hammer today, was held by Justice Joseph Barr today, for the March term of the Hartford Superior court without bail. Matuskus told the court he killed his wife but a plea of not guilty was entered for him as the court had no jurisdiction.

### GAS KILLS TWO

Somerville, Mass., Jan. 8.—Illuminating gas caused the death of Orlando Del Ponti, eight years old, and his five year old sister, Edillia, while they slept last night. The children, with their mother, came here from Italy two weeks ago to join their father, Joseph Del Ponti, who was gassed at Chateau Thierry.

Zurich, Jan. 8.—(Havas)—A German sportsman has bought the yacht owned by former Emperor William of Germany, paying 2,000,000 marks for the same. It is learned here.

### NEW HAVEN POLICE HEAD CANCELS PERMIT FOR BIG PRIZE FIGHT

New Condition Had Arisen in Arrest of Garguilo, One of Promoters in Connection With Whiskey Cases—New Yorkers Arranged Bout.

New Haven, Conn., Jan. 8.—A permit for a twenty round boxing match between Benny Leonard and Johnny Dundee, January 16 here was revoked by Chief of Police Smith today on the ground that the arrangements made outside Connecticut indicated that it was intended to be a decision, or "prize fight" which would be in violation of state law.

Chief Smith stated that when he gave the permit he understood that the event was to be purely a boxing exhibition. The chief added that since the permit was issued a new condition arose in the arrest of Mr. Garguilo, the local representative of the promoters, and with this added circumstance he could not but feel that the good name and order of the community would not be served by allowing the fight to go on. Garguilo was arrested in connection with the recent raids on saloons by internal revenue and federal officers. He has been manager for Sabatini's restaurant so-called, in which there was a mysterious fire on New Year's morning.

The proposed bout was entirely arranged by New York men. Telegrams for tickets and reservations have been coming in the past few days from various parts of the country.

### Relief Association Plan Not Satisfactory To Men

WEAVERS AT SALTS TEXTILE COMPANY ARE STILL OUT—COMPANY ENDEAVORING TO EFFECT SETTLEMENT

The weavers and other employees of the Salts Textile factory still object to the Relief Association plan which the officials of the company have announced that they would institute, in place of the bonus, which the men claim they were entitled to, for the past year.

The men say that a year ago the company promised that they would annually, around Christmas time, receive a bonus for faithful work during the year. The amount in each case to be based on the weekly pay of each man.

Instead of paying the bonus the company notified the men that they would form a "Salts Textile Mfg. Co. voluntary relief association," and that the company would agree to pay this association the sum of \$50,000 and also to pay to the association during the year 1920 a sum equal to one per cent. of the wages paid by the company to its employees during the year.

The employees do not have to pay anything to the association and its funds will be used to pay employees of the company who become members of the association, old age relief payments and death benefits.

The death benefits amount to \$500 for members who have been employed by the company for more than six months and less than a year and gradually increase so that members who have been employed more than ten years receive \$1,500 death benefit.

Any member who has been in the employ of the company for ten years will receive old age relief payments from the association when he reaches his 65th birthday. The amount to be proportioned, on the member's term of service, and weekly wages.

The men object to the company's proposition on the ground that they are entitled to the cash bonus promised them, and that the company has no right to use the money that they are entitled to, to establish the association. They say that this makes

### PHOSPHORUS IN COAT EXPLODES SETS IT AFIRE

High School Boy Who Took Chemical Suffers Severe Burns As Result.

When Edward Chisaski, 14, of 343 Dover street, a high school student, started home about 5 o'clock last night, he carried with him a small quantity of phosphorus from the school laboratory which exploded, setting fire to a sheepskin coat he was wearing and badly burning his back. He was taken to the Bridgeport hospital.

According to the story of the hospital physicians and Connecticut Co. officials Chisaski boarded an East Main street car, taking a seat near the middle of the trolley. When the car reached Central avenue the conductor thought at first that there had been an explosion as he heard a report and then turning saw the boy's coat smoking.

He jumped out of the car and the conductor and several bystanders threw water on him but not before he had been burned. The emergency hospital ambulance was summoned and he was taken to the Bridgeport hospital.

### BISHOP DAVIES GOING ABROAD

Springfield, Mass., Jan. 8.—Announcement was made today that Right Rev. Thomas F. Davies, Episcopal bishop of western Massachusetts is to be sent abroad by the House of Bishops for a visitation of the Episcopal churches in France, Germany and Italy that are under control of the American Episcopal church.

### Apportionment Board Addressed By Mayor On Salary Question

Recommended That the Teachers Be Given a Raise in Pay—W. E. Seeley Is Re-elected to Head Board During the Coming Year.

Mayor Clifford B. Wilson, early this afternoon, appeared at the organization meeting of the Board of Apportionment and recommended that the city give the school teacher's an 18 per cent raise to be added to the seven per cent offered by the state.

This will make a total of 25 per cent. for the teachers, while the firemen and policemen were recommended for a "substantial" raise. William E. Seeley was re-elected president of the board for the coming year.

In his address to the board Mayor Wilson praised the work of the Board of Health and told the members that this work should be continued.

In passing to the Board of Education he said he was sorry to see that his recommendation of a year ago in relation to the cutting down of the size of the Board of Education had not been carried out.

He pointed out that the board is a separate unit from the city government paying their own bills and auditing their own books and the size of the board made it top heavy with members interfering with one another. He also said that the spirit of cooperation was hindered by the separate unit system and the size of the body.

In relation to the teachers he praised their work and spoke of the high prices and then said that he had recommended to the board that they be given a 25 per cent. increase. The board returned the recommendation of 25 per cent. and added to this was 7 per cent. granted by the state. Mayor Wilson said he was inclined to believe that 18 per cent. and the 7 per cent. granted by the state would suit him at this time.

He then asked the board to give the matter careful consideration and take into consideration the place to be filled and what it was worth and not what the individual was worth because men could be found who could give satisfaction if the present holders did not.

Mayor Wilson then said that two other increases were necessary for the police and firemen and after praising these organizations for their efficiency and their loyalty he asked that the board take them under consideration and grant an adequate amount.

In closing, the mayor said that Bridgeport has enjoyed a low tax rate for the last few years, while most cities have been higher, and said that he believed the tax rate should be taken out of politics and was sure that whatever the board saw fit to fix in February would meet with the approval of the city at large.

The committees appointed for the coming year by Mr. Seeley are as follows: Bridges, public works, streets and sidewalks, and street cleaning, William E. Seeley, F. D. Keeler, and W. B. Booth; tax collector, J. A. Levery; Sigmund Loewith and H. E. Husted; board of health, city dispensary, health and charities and municipal garage, G. S. Hill, W. E. Burnham and F. J. Green; fire department, W. E. Burnham, H. E. Husted and F. J. Green; charities, S. Loewith, F. D. Keeler and D. E. Clifford; parks, D. E. Clifford and J. A. Levery; lamps, W. B. Booth, E. W. Harrel and J. A. Levery; tax collector, tax commissioner, town clerk, claims, board of relief, board of apportionment, war bureau, recreation, welcome home, soldiers and sailors, F. D. Keeler and W. B. Booth; city attorney, city engineer, city hall, probate court, registrars of voters, sinking fund and building commissioner, F. J. Green and W. B. Booth; board of appeals, city plan, harbor master, weights and measures, Memorial day, paving and sewers, selectmen and vice, E. W. Harrel and H. E. Husted.

There were four absent at the meeting today.

London, Jan. 8.—Premiers Lloyd George and Nitti left this morning for Paris, where they will confer with Premier Clemenceau of France.

It appears that they are accepting aims when, as a matter of fact, they are entitled to the money.

### TELL STATE POLICE TO USE POWER TO STOP FIGHTS

New Haven, Conn., Jan. 8.—The state police commission at its meeting on Monday reaffirmed its action of July, 1918, in voting to direct the state police to use every effort to stop any prize fights which may be attempted to be staged in Connecticut.

### FRIGHTENED BY MAN GIRL RAN INTO MACHINE

Evidence in Accident Case Shows Mysterious Man Chasing Girls.

That she was frightened by a man who has been chasing girls and women near Fairfield avenue and Mountain Grove street, was the explanation given today before Coroner Phelan for the sudden rush into the street by Annie Stanakia, 277 Maplewood avenue, who was struck and killed by an automobile last Tuesday night. The victim was nine years old.

Emily Shemais, 937 Maplewood avenue, testified that for the past two years a man about 15 years old, of stocky build and who has a dark mustache, has been annoying girls in that section of the West End where the witness lives. The witness said she heard another girl say that Annie Stanakia was frightened when this mysterious man tried to seize her and she attempted to run across Fairfield avenue.

The Stanakia girl ran in front of an automobile driven by Michael Haroskie of Greens Farms, who is employed by Dutree W. Phipps, an automobile dealer of Golden Hill street. He testified that he was driving slowly but did not have time to stop the machine because the girl ran out suddenly from the rear of a trolley car. Judge Thomas C. Coughlin, counsel for Haroskie, said his client was not guilty of any negligence.

The coroner sent for the other witnesses who gave satisfactory evidence in the case. The police department will also investigate this feature of the case.

### FIND CARLSON LYING DEAD IN DOORWAY TODAY

Medical Examiner Decides Death Was Due To Natural Causes.

Henning Carlson, 40, formerly of 64 Wordin avenue, was found dead in a doorway at 1306 State street, this morning, by Charles Schies, of 1308 State street. Upon the conclusion of an investigation made shortly after the finding of the body, Medical Examiner Dr. Samuel M. Garlick stated that death was probably due to natural causes.

Schies first discovered the dead man when he entered the doorway of the four-family house at 1306 State street, and stumbled over the body. He notified the police immediately, and the Emergency hospital ambulance was summoned. A physician who arrived with the ambulance, stated that Carlson had been dead but a short time.

The police this noon were attempting to locate the dead man's home address. He formerly resided with a Mrs. Anderson at 64 Wordin avenue, but upon inquiring at that place it was found that the woman had moved. Carlson was employed as a carpenter by Andrew Johnson, of Fox street, Black Rock. According to his employer, the dead man was not working during the past week on account of illness.

H. W. ELLISON DEAD.  
New Bedford, Mass., Jan. 8.—Henry W. Ellison, formerly commodore of the New Bedford Yacht club, died today from injuries received Tuesday when he was struck by an automobile. He was a retired drygoods merchant.

### Dem. National Committee Bitterly Arraigns Arrogant Senators.

### EARNED CONTEMPT OF ALL THE WORLD

Washington, Jan. 8.—Resolutions endorsing the treaty of Versailles and denouncing as unpatriotic the attitude of senators who would defeat it directly or by nullifying reservations were unanimously adopted today by the Democratic National Committee in session here.

The "arrogant" Republican leadership of the Senate was denounced as having earned the "contempt of the world" by throttling the treaty for seven months, and the Senate was called upon to "quit playing politics" with the question of ratification.

Only San Francisco, Chicago and Kansas City were in the race for the next National Democratic convention when the National committee met here today to choose the time and place for the 1920 meeting. On the roll call of states, Ohio and Indiana did not signify their intentions to compete for the convention city, although Cleveland, Cincinnati and Indianapolis previously had been in the race.

Clark Howell of Georgia, was appointed chairman of the resolutions committee with A. R. Titlow, Washington; John G. Evans, South Carolina; Senator Saulsbury, Delaware; and Patrick H. Quinn, Rhode Island, as committee members.

There were a number of absentees, both in the ranks of the committee and of the women's associate committee when the gathering was called together by Chairman Homer S. Cummings.

A committee was appointed to hear a request regarding the holding of primaries in the District of Columbia. It was composed of John W. Coughlin, Mass.; E. F. Goitra, Missouri; and R. H. Elder, Idaho.

A request from the national association of federal employees for a statement of the attitude of the party on the government workers' demands for increased wages was referred to the committee on resolutions.

### MUST AGREE ON WHO WILL TRY ALCOHOL RING

Issue Lies Between Massachusetts and Connecticut—12 Held.

Hartford, Jan. 8.—Massachusetts and Connecticut will fight out the issue as to who shall get the New York wood alcohol ring for trial, at a conference in New York Friday afternoon. District Attorney Charles H. Wright of Western Massachusetts will present the arguments for the Bay State, and Police Court Prosecutor Alexander W. Creedon of Hartford will present Connecticut's side. Assistant District Attorney Joseph F. Mulqueen, Jr., of New York, and Federal Prosecutor LeRoy W. Ross will take care of the federal end of the conference.

Because of the fact that a grand jury is now in session in Springfield, an impression has arisen that Romanelli, Saleeby, Ware and the other New Yorkers held in connection with the crime would be taken there. If this should happen Hartford county authorities would undoubtedly consent to the extradition to Massachusetts of Nathan Saleberg, Saul Joseph, Jacob Bronerwine and Frank Rose, regarded here as the middlemen in the poison whiskey transactions.

Twelve men are held under federal indictment in New York for traffic in the wood alcohol whiskey and four of them, John Romanelli, undertaker; Samuel K. Saleeby, druggist; Edward Ware, druggist clerk; and Wm. H. Weller, truckman, are held in bonds. In addition to these Paul Massotta, barber shop proprietor, and Frank Soricelli, saloonkeeper, are under arrest in the Bronx, charged with being accessories in the crime.

### HERMANN DOES NOT RECOMMEND HIS SUCCESSOR

Cincinnati, Jan. 8.—August Hermann, chairman of the National Baseball Commission recommended that no chairman to succeed him should be elected at the present annual meeting of the commission held here today.

Herrmann said that in view of the fact that no definite conclusions in the matter of a chairman have been reached by either of the two leagues or the committees representing them, the election should be deferred until the meeting of the two leagues called for early next month.